



Newsletter



Issue 16 9th January 2026

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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 12th January?

Parent Information | School Meals


Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website

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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with ½ Jacket Potato	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice ^{VG}	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG}
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese
Wraps	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG}	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Thursday 15 th January 2026	If your child was born between 1 st September 2021 and 31 st August 2022, you need to apply for their school place before the closing date of 15 th January 2026	
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Parents Evening for Year 1, Year 2 and to Year 3	Bookings are open on School Cloud, you can find the link on the Newsletter page of the school website!
Friday 16 th January 2026	Year 6 trip "Crucial Crew"	Please sign up on  ParentPay
Friday 16 th January 2026	Reception classes Stay and Drum	Parents are welcome to join their children in Reception for a drumming lesson from 9:00am to 9:30am!

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Monday 19 th January 2026	Nursery Drumming Club	Parents are welcome to join their children in Nursery for Drumming Club at 8:45am!
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Nursery Drumming Club	Parents are welcome to join their children in Nursery for Drumming Club at 8:45am!
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Parents Evening for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Bookings are open on School Cloud, you can find the link on the Newsletter page of the school website!
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Reception classes Height, Weight and Hearing checks	The school nurse will be visiting today!
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Reception classes Height, Weight and Hearing checks	The school nurse will be visiting today!
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 3 Swimming starts, every Wednesday until 8th July	Please sign up on  ParentPay Y3MS will go first, Y3JN will be second and so Miss Ng's class will return to school a little bit later – about 3:25pm. Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)
Friday 6 th March 2026		3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office
Wednesday 11 th March 2026		3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office

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Monday 30th March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3MS "Palm Sunday"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Tuesday 31st March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3JN "The Last Supper"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Wednesday 1st April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5EH "The Garden of Gethsemane"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Thursday 2nd April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5OW "The Stations of the Cross"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

A healthy and substantial lunch will help your child be ready to learn in the afternoon!

★ Healthy Lunches Help Us Shine!

Why healthy lunches matter

Eating good food at school helps our bodies grow strong and our brains stay ready for learning. When we have the right food, we feel happier, calmer, and full of energy for the day.

🍏 What a Healthy Lunch Looks Like

- **Fruit or veg** to help us stay bright and focused
- **Something filling** like a sandwich, wrap, pasta or rice
- **Protein** like cheese, yoghurt, beans, eggs or chicken
- **A drink of water** to keep our brains working well

💡 How We Look After Each Other

- Teachers and staff check that everyone has something to eat
- If someone forgets their lunch or doesn't have enough food, adults will help
- No one gets in trouble for what's in their lunchbox
- We talk kindly about food and never make fun of what someone brings

📢 Remember

Healthy food helps us learn, play, and feel our best. We're all here to look after each other.





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Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter 2025/26 For parents and carers



You can view the newsletter by following this link:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/SHQRqUiu0VD5AkFR?ref=email>



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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 90.7%

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y4IF

You'll be having a little treat for the highest attendance!

The best punctuality this week was

Y3MS

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

83.8%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	11	86.5
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	13	81.1
Y1AM	Miss Morris	11	83.3
Y1LF	Miss Franks	9	85.7
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	13	90.1
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	80.4
Y3JN	Miss Ng	6	83.4
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	3	88.9
Y4EB	Miss Brian	7	78.4
Y4IF	Miss Frost	17	90.7
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	8	77.8
Y5OW	Miss Willis	14	79.1
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	6	85.1
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	6	84.6



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Evelyn	For having such a positive attitude all week, she has come into class smiling every morning ready to learn with her friends!
	Milkyas	For always giving 100%, and always taking part in lessons, sharing his ideas and thoughts!
Y1LF	Eline	For playing a lovely game in Outside Provision that involved dice rolling, counting, jumping and even twirling!
	Hezekiah	For playing a lovely game in Outside Provision that involved dice rolling, counting, jumping and even star jumps!
Y2DH	Aafiyah	For great partner work and enthusiasm in Project lessons!
	Elkannah	For great partner work and enthusiasm in Project lessons!
Y2NR	Tawana	For amazing learning in Mastery Maths this week, confidently using her rekenreks to recall and show number facts, and using this knowledge to recognise number patterns!
	Steave	For displaying so much confidence in lesson participation, asking and answering questions, and for getting stuck into our new Geography learning!
Y3JN	Tinbite	For returning to school with a fantastic attitude, working hard and making brilliant choices!
	Catherine	For a beautiful piece of artwork showing the journey of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem!
Y3MS	Ava	For impressing Miss Suleiman with how much confidence they have built over this year, especially this week. They are sharing their ideas with the class more frequently!
	Amelia	
Y4EB	Lillian	For designing an amazing front page for her new Project book, it was so detailed!
	Erin	For her hard work in Maths this week, she worked so hard on some tricky questions!
Y4IF	Bemenet	For amazing independence in Maths, really working hard!
	Leo	For disagreeing kindly in P4C, he was able to give justifications for his argument and helped more children understand!
Y5EH	Esther	For contributing in all lessons this week, sharing her thoughts and ideas and being very enthusiastic!
	Balkisu	For being a fantastic role model: always working hard, meeting expectations and following instructions first time!
Y5OW	Danat	For being superstars in the classroom, always asking if the adults need help, or for a job to do! Also for working incredibly hard in Project and as a result, creating a beautiful double page spread!
	Abigail	

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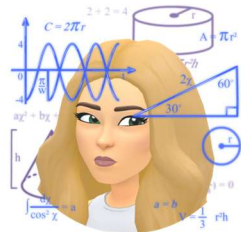
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Y6ED	Sara	For showing so much enthusiasm towards our new Project, and thinking deeply about her first thoughts!
	Jairus	For thinking creatively in P4C!
Y6RR	Lazya	For trying really hard in Project lessons and impressing me with her lovely presentation!
	Rimoun	For being such a positive member of the class and making everyone smile every day!

Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...



Find 4 consecutive numbers whose sum is 2026

$$\square + \square + \square + \square = 2026$$





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Prayer of the Month – January Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen

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Thank you!



To everyone at St Catherine's Catholic Primary
School

for your amazing donation to Burngreave Foodbank.
It weighed 277kg and will provide 661 meals.

We are so grateful for your thoughtful generosity which
has helped so many people in crisis this Christmas.

Burngreave foodbank is part of the Trussell UK wide foodbank network.
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Monthly Science Fun!

Check out January's experiment:

The mystery of the orange!

You will need:

- An orange
- A jug or bowl of water



There are close to 600 different varieties of oranges!



- Step 1: Fill up your jug or bowl with water.
- Step 2: Next, predictions! When you pop your orange in the jug will it sink or will it float? Pop it in and find out!
- Step 3: This is the cool part. Peel your orange. Now make your prediction - will it sink or float? Pop your peeled orange in and find out!
- Step 4: Don't waste your orange - when you're done experimenting - eat it!



Did you know that just one orange is enough to supply you with all the vitamin C you need for a whole day? That's just amazing!

Whether objects sink or float all comes down to density. Stuff that's denser than water sinks and stuff that's less dense floats! (Density is just the word scientists use to describe how heavy something is compared to how big it is).

Your orange was initially less dense than water, so it floated but when you took the peel off, that made it denser so it sank! The question is, why? The peel of the orange contains lots of trapped air, which causes the orange to float - take that away and it's denser than water which is why you get your drowning orange!

Want to share your results? Email ebrian@stcatherines.academy with any pictures. It might be included in the next newsletter!



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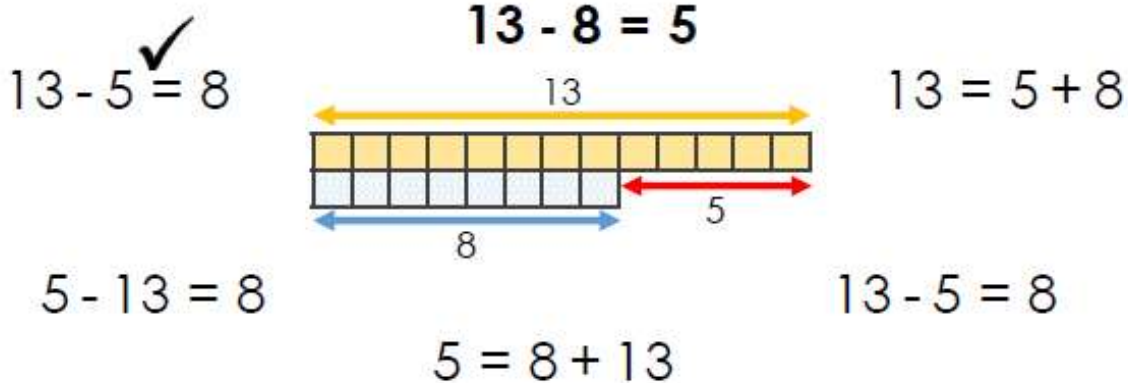
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Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – January 2026

True or False



Put a tick or a cross next to the calculations to say if they are true or false.

Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – January 2026

Missing Numbers

$$\boxed{} \boxed{7} = \boxed{} + \boxed{} + \boxed{} + \boxed{}$$

Can you find a way to make this sum right using the digits 1-9?
You can only use a digit once.

If you find one way, can you find another?



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Parenting Clinic

January 2026

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Screens, Scrolling and Staying Sane

Free Talk

19 January, 12.00 pm on Zoom

Do screens trigger big reactions?
Does Wi-Fi drop, and everything fall apart?
Do you want clear boundaries without
constant conflict?

If screen time is causing daily battles at home,
this clinic is for you.

No judgement. No overwhelm. Just support
that works in real life.

In this calm, practical 30-minute clinic, you will
learn simple ways to reduce screen struggles,
set limits with confidence, and feel steadier in
your parenting.

For more details and updates about these events, please
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